

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

March 20, 1978

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Feryl Spanninger. The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Vince Pischl and seconded by Ed Wentz. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Vince Pischl and seconded by Ed Wentz.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Mr. Spanninger questioned Mr. Heidrich and Mr. Wentz on the progress on the fire company survey. Not all the maps distributed to each Fire Co. have been returned as yet so the study cannot be completed. No other comments raised on previous minutes so they were approved.

Mr. Spanninger read a letter from the Bucks County Planning Commission re: Bucks County Comprehensive Plan. There were three questions raised in this letter for the supervisors to respond to. Mrs. Gutekunst is to write a letter answering these questions. 1. Do you agree with the major goal of the County Comprehensive Plan? 2. Do your comprehensive plan, Zoning ordinances, and subdivision regulations support and help implement this goal? 3. Would your municipality consider revising its plans and ordinances in order to support and help implement this goal? Since the Bucks County Planning Commission assisted in drafting our comprehensive plan, etc., our answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. Morgan Wolfram and his wife were at the meeting and asked for a clarification on the extent of road improvement required on the subdivision they are submitting to the township/ The wording in the engineer's letter indicated that road improvements would have to be made along the entire length of property even the existing road. Decision made that road will have to be built according to township standards from the end of existing township road to cul-de-sac.

Mr. George Spotts of the Bucks Planning Commission was at the meeting to explain the work program submitted by them for the updating and revision of the Hilltown Township Act 537 Plan. Richard S. Cowan & Associates also have presented a work program. Further review will be done before decision is made.

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Darde of the Line Lexington Fire Co. were also at the meeting. Mr. Snyder had sent a written report of his presentation on behalf of the fire company into the township office. As the study has not been completed on the areas serviced by the various fire companies, no decision has been made as to what financial help can be given to Line Lexington Fire Co. at this time.

There was again a large delegation of residents from the Green Meadows development in to the meeting. Mr. Michael Wertz again presented some problems as did a few of the other residents. We had had an inspection done by the Middle Atlantic Electrical, Inc. and their report indicated that except for a few minor things, the places they inspected the residents appeared satisfied. Mr. Lee Preble introduced himself as the new manager of the Homeowners Association for Green Meadows. The people were told that building permits will be given to Mr. MacMullen as we cannot hold these back if there no violations of our ordinances. Mr. MacMullen will be given until June 30th to complete the tot lot and until May 15th for the concrete work.

J. Richard Fretz presented another plan for his 67.7 acres he would like to develop. After some discussion on cluster zoning and availability of sewer, he was advised to consult with George Spotts of the Bucks County Planning Commission.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that she received a copy of the Annual Audit and Financial Report from the township auditors along with a copy of their time spent in preparing same.

The agreement for engineering services for the Storm Drainage Project for State Street, Blooming Glen between Richard Cowan and Associates and Hilltown Township was signed by Mr. Spanninger. This agreement had been reviewed by Mr. Wilson. Mrs. Gutekunst reported that invoices totaling \$7,697.82 have been submitted to the Community Development Office for payment.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that she had submitted a letter To the Pa. Dept. of Transportation to receive an application to apply for funding under Act 57 of 1977 for aid to our snow budget.

Letter of approval for larger warning signs on Diamond St. approaching Route 113 received. Believe signs have already been installed.

Report received from Bucks County Bank on financial status of Police Pension Fund. Besides the Police Pension Insurance Plan being paid to Trustees Insurance, assets held and administered by bank at the end of 1977 totaled \$80,756.90.

Discussion held on posting no parking signs on Reliance Road and the fines to be charged. A \$5.00 fine would be imposed with payment made to the Hilltown Township Police Dept. within 72 hours. If charge would have to go before J.P. fine would either be \$10.00 or \$15.00 plus costs. Further study will be made by Mr. Wilson.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that she will be advertising for stone, oil, and fuel oil with the bids to be opened at the first regularly scheduled meeting in April.

Letter received from Telford Fire Co. about the poor access to the homes in the Green Meadows development. They felt the fire hydrants were poorly placed and the cars parked too close. Street signs not posted and no visible numbers in sections.

Mrs. Gutekunst raised the question whether Hilltown Township had an ordinance which would prevent dumping of sludge in the township. Mr. Wilson will pursue.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy Gutekunst*

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Secretary-Treasurer